

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 3-12 and 14-35 will be pending in the application. Applicants have enclosed the requisite fee for new claims 23-35.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 4-10 and 16-18 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants believe that the Examiner meant to state claims 3-10 and 16-18 because there was no rejection issued for claim 3.

Upon careful consideration of the Office Action, Applicants provide the following comments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as anticipated in view of several different pieces of prior arts. Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in light of the claim amendments, which resulted in the cancellation of claims 1 and 2.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected as obvious in view of several different pieces of prior art. Applicants respectfully submit that these rejection should be withdrawn because claim 11 and 12 are now dependant on the allowable subject matter detailed in claim 3.

Claim 13 is rejected as anticipated, however, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claim 13.

Claims 14 and 15 are also rejected as being anticipated. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn because these claims have been amended to depend on the allowable subject matter detailed in claim 18.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-22 are rejected as being indefinite due to a lack of antecedent basis for the term “the sideward direction”. The relevant language has been amended to be “a sideward direction” to obviate this rejection.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 23-35, which further define the invention. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are not anticipated or obvious in view of the cited prior art.

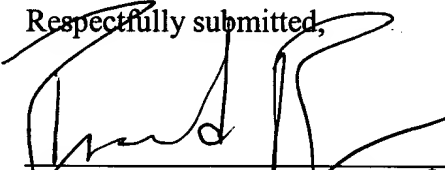
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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